

## MEETING OF

### THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, June 14, 2006, with the following members in attendance:

Robert F. Garey, Chairman	Mark Davis (representing Michael T. Scuse, Secretary of Agriculture)
Lyn Davenport, Secretary	Jack Markell, State Treasurer
Theodore P. Bobola, Jr.	Kevin Coyle (representing John Hughes, Secretary of DNREC)
Bryan Hall (representing W. Allen Jones)	

Absent: William Vanderwende, Alden Hopkins and Dennis Clay.

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McGrath, Howard Mesick, Milton Melendez, Danielle Klosowski, Cathy Mesick, Scott Blaier, and Robin West.

Others in attendance: F. Michael Parkowski, Esq., Mr. James Edgar Clayton Lee, Ms. Amanda Jones, Ms. Sheila Grant, Mr. Taylor Paul, and Mr. Phil Tuthill.

Chairman Garey opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m. with prayer.

#### I. Progress Report:

Milton Melendez informed the Board that we have a total of 654 farms in preservation districts totaling 144,015 acres, with a total of 441 farms under agricultural easements totaling 80,815 acres at a cost of \$103,901,727, with additional easements in PDR 11 totaling 2,277 acres, estimated value of \$15,432,149, comprising 21 farms.

#### II. Expansion Eligibility/Final Approval

1. The JECL Expansion of the Elmer-Wink Vanderwende District, ID#K-01-03-149E. After discussion, **Jack Markell moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the JECL Expansion of the Elmer-Wink Vanderwende District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**
2. The Parker Expansion of the Cattail-Gallo District, ID#K-06-02-082E. After discussion, **Lyn Davenport moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Parker Expansion of the Cattail-Gallo District, seconded by Jack Markell. Motion unanimously approved.**
3. The Pear Tree Lane #3 Expansion of the Adams-Holloway District, ID#K-06-03-039H. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Pear Tree Lane #3 Expansion of the Adams-Holloway District, seconded by Mark Davis. Motion unanimously approved.**
4. The Camac Farm Expansion of the Baker Farms District, ID#N-06-03-180B. After discussion, **Mark Davis moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Camac Expansion of the Baker Farms District, seconded by Jack Markell. Motion unanimously approved.**
5. The Dulany Manor Expansion of the Naudain Tract District, ID#N-06-02-132A. **Jack Markell moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Dulany Manor Expansion of the Naudain Tract District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**
6. The Webb Expansion of the W.G. Passwaters #2 District, ID#S-06-04-193B. **Lyn Davenport moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Webb Expansion of the W.G. Passwaters #2 District, seconded by Bryan Hall. Motion unanimously approved.**
7. The Short Farm Expansion of the Collins Acres District, ID#S-06-01-065J. **Lyn Davenport moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Short Farm Expansion of the Collins Acres District, seconded by Mark Davis. Motion unanimously approved.**

III. Public Comments – Mr. Phil Tuthill expressed his appreciation for the good work Jack Markell has done as State Treasurer, and brought to the Board's attention the article on Michael McGrath which was recently printed in the Delaware State News.

IV. Minutes - Chairman Garey asked if there were additions or corrections to the May 10, 2006 minutes. Receiving no additions or corrections to the minutes, **Kevin Coyle moved the minutes be approved, seconded by Theodore Bobola. Motion unanimously approved.**

V. Financial Highlights:

Cathy Mesick informed the Foundation Board that we had, as of May 31, 2006, \$20,584.96 in the Foundation's checking account. The Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account had a balance of \$215,672.16. Revenue for the month of May was \$22,976.65 in roll back taxes. Expenditures for the month of May totaled \$43,697.26. After discussion, **Lyn Davenport moved to accept the Financial Report as presented, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

Michael McGrath presented the FY'07 Proposed Budget. This budget represents a 10% reduction from the FY'06 Budget. After discussion, **Bryan Hall moved to accept the FY'07 Budget as presented, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.** (Copy of Budget Attached.)

VI. Other Business

1. Isaacs #3 Reed Jenson District, ID#S-97-01-156  
Easements – Del DOT

Scott Blaier presented the request for the Del DOT Easements on the Isaacs property. Mike Parkowski added further information concerning these Easements and our position concerning our Easement Agreement. The Foundation should receive some compensation in view of the fact that this acreage would be taken out of agricultural production. After discussion the Board directed the staff to continue with the process as outlined by Foundation counsel.

VII. Executive Session

Mike Parkowski informed the Board that an Executive Session was necessary. **Jack Markell moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.** The Executive Session started at 9:20 a.m.

At 9:37 a.m. the Executive Session ended.

VIII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Foundation, the meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on July 12, 2006 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lyn Davenport  
Secretary